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MONTANA PUBLIC RADIO STATIONS WILL BROADCAST LIVE FROM NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL IN BUTTE

MISSOULA –

Montana Public Radio, in partnership with Yellowstone Public Radio, will broadcast live from the National Folk Festival's Original Stage on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 10-12.

Listeners statewide can tune in to hear live music, interviews with performers, reports from around the festival and information about musical traditions represented at the National Folk Festival. Now in its second of three years in Butte, the National Folk Festival features icons of American and world music.

Montana Public Radio's live broadcast schedule is:

- Friday, July 10 – 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 11 – noon to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, July 12 – noon to 5 p.m.

Stage and broadcast hosts will include MTPR's Michael Marsolek and Linda Talbott, along with Ken Siebert of Yellowstone Public Radio. They'll be joined by Nick Spitzer, New Orleans folklorist and host of the national radio show "American Routes."

Headliners on stage during the live broadcasts will be:

- Friday, 8:30-9:15 p.m. -- Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, traditional Mexican music.
- Friday, 9:30-10:30 p.m. – BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, Cajun zydeco.
- Saturday, 3-4 p.m. – Thomas Mapfumo & the Blacks Unlimited, Zimbabwean revolutionary "chimurenga" (struggle) music.
- Saturday, 4:15-5 p.m. – Sierra Hull and Highway 111, modern bluegrass.
- Sunday, 4-5 p.m. – Magic Slim and the Teardrops, Chicago blues.

MTPR also is sponsoring bus transportation from Missoula to Butte for the festival on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$23.50 round-trip and available at all GrizTix outlets, online at <http://www.griztix.com> or by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA.

For more information, including public radio station locations, visit Montana Public Radio at <http://www.mtpr.org> and Yellowstone Public Radio at <http://www.ypradio.org>.

For more information about the National Folk Festival, visit <http://www.nationalfolkfestival.com>.

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